

City of Reading Charter Board

September 9, 2015 -- 7:00 pm

The Penn Room

Members Present: James Fegley, Tom Anewalt, Elizabeth Stanley

Members Absent: Susan Williams

Board Solicitor: Eric Smith, Esq

Members of the Public: James DeLucas, The Reading Eagle

I. Administration

- * The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fegley at 7:10 pm. This is a special meeting, advertised on 9/4/15. The chair announced that although the regular meeting for 9/1/15 was cancelled, the Board did meet in Executive Session on 9/1/15 to confer with the solicitor regarding Advisory Opinion #37.
- * The next regular meeting is planned for September 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers.
- * Meeting minutes for August 18, 2015, will be submitted for review at the September 15, 2015 meeting.
- * The Chair announced that there are no new Right to Know requests.
- * The Chair reported that there are no new appointments to the Charter Board. Mr. Fegley has attempted to contact Michael Toledo, and asked the Board for suggestions.
- * Legal invoices for High Swartz for August 2015 will be available in hard copy at the September 15 meeting.

II. Education

- * No current activity.

III. Advisory

- * The current Advisory Opinion No. 37 is pending further discussion and action by the Board.

IV. Solicitor's Report

* The Chair announced an Executive Session to confer with counsel regarding Advisory Opinion No. 37. The Board entered Executive Session 7:17 pm and exited Executive Session at 7:40 pm.

* After returning to public session, the Chair explained the substance of Advisory Opinion No. 37, with Board Members providing comment as well, and gave an opportunity for public comment. No public comment was offered.

V. Action Items

* Advisory Opinion # 37. Two votes were taken. To the question of whether the Board should render an advisory opinion in this instance as being in the public interest, a motion was made by Ms. Stanley, second by Mr. Anewalt. Motion carried 3-0. To the question of the adopting Advisory Opinion No. 37, a motion was made by Mr. Anewalt, second by Ms. Stanley. Motion carried 3-0.

* The Chair announced that a final version of the Advisory Opinion No. 37, which deals with residency requirements for certain elected offices, will be available by noon, September 10, 2015. A copy will be sent to the appropriate persons, posted to the City of Reading web site, and a copy to the reporter at the Reading Eagle newspaper.

VI. Closing

* The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Elizabeth Stanley, Member

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